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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: REGIONAL AVERAGE RATES FOR NON-CONTRACT
PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT HOSPITALS

As specified in Section 1820.115 of Title 9, California Code of Regulations, the Department of Mental Health is responsible for establishing the psychiatric inpatient rates for Fee-for-Service/Medi-Cal (FFS/MC) hospitals without a contract with a Mental Health Plan. The rates are established based on the weighted average per diem rates by accommodation code negotiated for all FFS/MC contract hospitals within each of the five rate regions defined in the regulations. The per diem rates include routine and all hospital-based ancillary services, but not professional services including routine hospital services.

Enclosed for your information is a table displaying the regional average non-contract rates for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Sharon Dorsey, Medi-Cal Operations Unit, at (916) 654-2528.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Director

Enclosure

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